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Jan. 26. The American officers, in forming the Society of the Cincinnati, came to a determination to give each, according to his rank, ſuch a ſum as may form a ſufficient fund for affording an annual aſſiſtance to the widows and children of ſuch officers as have fallen in the late war. The French officers, highly approving of their intention, came to a reſolution of following their example, and, in their laſt aſſembly, they agreed to raiſe a fund of 60,000 livres, which is to be ſent to General Waſhington, to be diſpoſed of agreeable to the plan of the Society. The Count de Rochambeau has ſubſcribed 6000 livres; M. de Chateleux 4000; the Field Marſhals have been taxed at 2000; the Brigadiers at 1500; and every Colonel at 1000.

Vienna, Oct. 22. The Emperor hath ordered a new arrangement in law proceedings, which will be more favorable to the people, and prevent the abuſes which the avidity of lawyers often occaſion. The latter are for the future to be allowed an annual penſion from the Imperial and Royal chamber, and the parties will not be obliged to pay more than a certain ſum ſettled by the ſaid chamber, for their lawyer's trouble, and for the ſtamped paper.

Nov. 12. The Emperor's views extends not only to meritorious actions that may adorn the inhabitants of his dominions, but his Imperial Majeſty, who patronizes merit wherever it is to be found, honors it equally among foreigners. He has been pleaſed to confer the title of Baron of the Empire on John Dillon, Eſquire, of the county of Meath, in Ireland, who by his generous zeal in pleading the cauſe of his country, has greatly contributed to emancipate them from the yoke of national intolerance, under which they had ſo long groaned.

Liſbon, Feb. 7. For the laſt five weeks we have had ſuch ſtorms on our coaſts as have not been remembered by the oldeſt man living at this ſeaſon. No veſſel comes into this port without having ſuffered damage, and many have been loſt; upwards of 100 perſons have periſhed in the Tagus.

Edinburgh, Dec. 27. On Saturday laſt about 300 of the 71ſt regiment, or Fraſier's Highlanders, of two battalions, lately returned from America, arrived at Glaſgow from Greenock, being all that remained of the ſaid corps; and on Tueſday they marched for Sterling, to be diſembodied. The above regiment when they embarked at Greenock for America in 1776, was upwards of 2000 ſtrong.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Letters from Glaſgow adviſe, that almoſt all the boroughs in Scotland have appointed Delegates to meet in the General Convention which is to be held in the Parliament Cloſe at Edinburgh on Lady-Day next, in order to reform ſeveral abuſes that have crept into the Caladonian Conſtitution.

On Sunday laſt the Reverend Doctor Witherſpoon, a chaplain to the American Congreſs, preached a moſt Excellent Sermon at the reverend Mr. Simmons's meeting-houſe in Criſpin-ſtreet, Spitalfields; the place was prodigiouſly crouded, and many could not get in. The Doctor appears to be a venerable man, about ſixty years of age, and wears his own hair which is nearly white. Many that have ſeen him ſay, he is in perſon the very picture of Oliver Cromwell.

March 10. It appears by the Iriſh papers, that the Volunteers are determined to take the moſt effectual means of procuring a reformation of Parliament in the repreſentation of the people.

A letter from Toulon, received on Monday, ſays, that all hands are employed there and at Marſeilles to get a fleet of men of war ready to go againſt the Moors, and that a vigorous war is expected, as the Moors have now as good ſhips as moſt of the European powers.

A letter from Breſt ſays, that a French frigate, called Le Duc de Bourbon, bound with deſpatches from the Eaſt-Indies, with ſeveral officers on board, was loſt going into the Cape of Good Hope, and all on board were drowned, except the Captain, five men, and two officers.

Extract of a Letter from Nymegene, March 3.

"Laſt Saturday evening the ice broke near this city, in the Waal.—Since a moſt terrible ſcene!—The dykes broke in many places; ſo that from the Penderſe Gat to Gorinchem (a diſtrict of 72 villages) are all under water; near the Maaſwaall-dyke two breaches; whereby 34 villages are under water; in the Betuwe the houſes are in water to the tops; people and cattle are drowned in numbers; near Thiel and Kraanburg large dams of ice.

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"Letters from Cologne are very ſhocking; all muſt paſs this city; near Arnheim alſo terrible accounts and general flights.

"Three thouſand ſheep loſt in one neighbourhood."

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"Laſt Saturday evening the ice broke near this city, in the Waal.—Since a moſt terrible ſcene!—The dykes broke in many places; ſo that from the Penderſe Gat to Gorinchem (a diſtrict of 72 villages) are all under water; near the Maaſwaall-dyke two breaches; whereby 34 villages are under water; in the Betuwe the houſes are in water to the tops; people and cattle are drowned in numbers; near Thiel and Kraanburg large dams of ice.

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Men's and Women's red Morocco Pocket Books,
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Calimanco and Sattinet Ditto,
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Black Taffery,
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from France to the East-Indies, with an Offer of supporting an independent Government in that Country—That the Affairs of the British Nation were in a distracted State—That it is thought Mr. Fox will again force his Way into the Ministry, though no Favourite at St. James's—That Mr. Fox and Mr. Pitt are far from being likely to coalese; but on the contrary appear to be more and more adverse to each other—That the Empress of Russia has offered the King of Spain the vast Sum of a Million and a Half Sterling for the Island of Minorca, and 5000 Tons of Hemp per Annum, for Ten Years, for the Spanish Navy. The Ministry of Madrid are all for accepting the Offer, but the King is against it: however, he has not given a positive Negative. The French Ambassador was highly alarmed at the Offer—That a Book lately published in Holland has the following Observations respecting the present State of the Americans: "If a Country uncommonly divided in its national Situation is calculated for a compact Government, then America may have one System of Laws: If a Country divided in Genius and Temper is likely to agree, then the Americans will become powerful; and if a Country supported by Pride and Indolence is qualified to grow rich, the People of the New States may be distinguished for their Riches."—That Feathers are not only to decorate, but to compose the *Hats* and *Waistcoats* of the Ladies for the ensuing Year. A new and expensive Fancy has been invented of this Kind, which is to be dignified with the Name of *Hats* and *Waistcoats, a la Mongolfier*, as being likely to carry the fair Wearers into the Regions of mid Air.

The late London Papers contain the most melancholy Accounts and Descriptions of Earthquakes, Plagues, Famine, Inundations, and Severity of the Inclement and inhospitable Season just overpassed and gone—Scarce a Country or Climate having escaped the Frowns and Blasts of Providence, or the dread Effects of angry and jarring Elements.

This Morning arrived here the Brigantine Betsy, Capt. Robert Champlin, in 11 Days from North-Carolina. Also the Brigantine Richmond, Capt. John Green, in 7 Days from Virginia.

This Morning departed this Life THOMAS VERNON, Esq; in the 66th Year of his Age. His Remains are to be interr'd To-morrow Afternoon from his House, where his Friends and Acquaintance are desired to attend.

"On Thursday the 29th ult. died suddenly, at Mr. Jacob Greene's, in Coventry, in the 17th Year of his Age, Mr. JOHN WEAVER, of this Town."

DEATHS.]—At Providence, Mrs. RACHEL FOSTER, Consort of JOHN FOSTER, Esq;—Mrs. EUNICE PECK, Consort of Col. WILLIAM PECK.

NAVAL-OFFICE, *Port of Newport, May 1.*

INWARD ENTRIES,

		From
Brigantine	L'Heureux, R. Blandel,	Hispaniola.
Sloop	Newport, C. Ellery,	Philadelphia.
Brigantine	Peggy, T. Topham,	Jamaica.
Sloop	Sally, J. Gardner,	Hispaniola.

CLEARED,

		For
Brigantine	Lady Greene, W. Dennis,	S. Carolina.
Sloop	Newport Packet, S. Lawton,	Philadelphia.
Sloop	Rachel, C. Cranston,	Virginia.
Sloop	Greenwich, J. Fairbanks,	New-York.

THE Members of the FELLOWSHIP CLUB are requested to meet, at the House of Mr. John Lawton, Innholder, in Newport, next Tuesday Evening at Six o'Clock, in order to transact such Business as may be laid before them.

THOMAS RUMREILL, Secretary.
Newport, May 1, 1784.

Just imported in the Sloop Newport Packet, from Philadelphia, and to be Sold, by

GEORGE GIBBS,

SUPERFINE and common FLOUR—also Bar-Iron sorted.

He has likewise for Sale Bohea Tea per Chest, Hundred, or Dozen—Cream coloured Ware in Crates—Duck by the Bolt—and Cordage of all Sizes.

Newport May 1, 1784.

GILES HOSIER

DESIRES to inform the Public he now carries on his BREWING BUSINESS as usual, and proposes to supply his Customers with good Family BEER, delivered at their Houses, or on board Ship, as may be wanted, at 6/8. per Barrel, or 3/4. per Half Barrel.

He likewise intends to keep for Sale good common PORTER, bottled, to those who bring Bottles in exchange at 6/. per Dozen, or 6d. by the single Bottle.

And PORTER of the first Quality at 9/. per Dozen.

Those that like to be supplied with Family Beer will please to let him know it.

To be Sold, at Public Vendue, on the 27th Day of May next,

THAT elegantly situated DWELLING-HOUSE, in Newport, late the Estate and Inheritance of Henry Bull, Esq; deceased, with the Yard and Garden thereto adjoining, in the present Tenure and Occupation of his Son John Bull.

The said Premises will be then disposed of agreeable to the last Will of the said Henry, for paying off the Debts due from his Estate, and a Deed thereof will be executed to the Purchaser, by

PHEBE BULL, Executrix.
April 30, 1784.

To be LET, and entered upon the 1st of June next,

THAT large and commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, belonging to the late Christopher Mardenbrough, deceased, situate on the Street leading to Easton's Point, and directly back of the Rev. Mr. Thurston's. For Terms apply to MARY MARDENBROUGH, on the Premises,

Who has to dispose of a Parcel of FURNITURE, consisting of a Desk and Bookcase, a Clock and Case, a Pair of Dining Tables, a Bureau, a Chest of Drawers, a Rum-Case (all Mahogany) and a Set of black Walnut Chairs.

Newport, April 30, 1784.

TO BE SOLD,
One or Two Houses on Easton's Point, opposite Mr. Rivera's. Inquire of
THOMAS WEBBER.
Newport, April 28, 1784.

Capt. BLANDEL
Has for SALE,

SUGAR, Molasses, Cocoa, and Salt, at Mr. TWEEDY's Store: For which he will take Pitch Pine Timber and Boards, and long Hogshead Staves in Pay.

Newport, April 27, 1784.

THE Sale of the remaining Lots of LAND, late Col. Robert Elliott's, is adjourned to THURSDAY the 6th of May next, at 11 o'Clock, A. M. when they will be sold to the highest Bidder, on the Premises. By Order,

PELEG BARKER, jun. Council-Clerk.
Newport, April 30, 1784.

TO BE SOLD, BY
John Slocum,

GOOD English Cordage of different Sizes; also good Burlington Pork, by the Barrel, and several Sorts of Cordials.

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Walter Easton,

At his Shop next Door South of the Brick Market, exceeding cheap for Cash, the following Articles, viz.

SUPERFINE red, light and other colour'd BroadCloths,
Corduroys,
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Calimancoes,
Tammies,
Shaloons,
Moreens,
Irish Linens,
Dowlas,
Calicoes,
Black and white trimming Gauze,
Black and white Gauze Handkerchiefs,
Black and white Millinet,
Silk, Cotton, and Linen Handkerchiefs,
Apron and shirting Checks,
Buckram, Twist, and sewing Silk,
Coatings,
Red and green Baize,
Ticklinburg,
Men's silk and worsted Hose,
Men's and Women's Silk and Leather Gloves,
Black Breeches Patterns,
Wide and narrow black Sattin,
Wide and narrow black Mode,
Green and red Sarsnets,
Cambrick and Lawn,
Yard Wide Kenten Handkerchiefs,
Red, black, and spotted Velvets,
White and yellow Swanskin,
An Assortment of Ribbons,
Flowerd Serge,
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Spike and other gimlets,
20d, 10d, 4d, and 3d nails,
German, English, and Swedish steel,
White metal and brass, steel top thimbles
Plated shoe and knee-buckles,
Small cross-cut and hand-saws,
Looking glasses,
A very good assortment, of glass, Liverpool, and Nottingham ware,
Pewter and tin ware,
Large bibles,
Testaments,
Spelling-books,
Young man's best companion,
Daily assistants,
Childrens books,
Almanacks for 1784.

Also,

Molasses,
Loaf and brown sugar,
Souchong and bohea tea, Coffee,
Chocolate, Pepper,
Flour, Rice,
Indigo,
Starch,
Powder, shot, and flints,
Raisins, currants, and figs,
Mace, cloves, nutmegs, cinnamon, and allspice,
Spanish brown,
Copperas,
Allum,
Brimstone,
Redwood,
Logwood,
Excellent snuff at 2/5 per lb. by the doz.
Womens' sattinet and callimanco shoes, made in this town very neat,
Also Mistick Tile for ovens and house hearths.

And sundry other articles, which are not mentioned.

The smallest favours will be gratefully acknowledged.